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AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir/Madam:

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed February 7, 2008, Applicants submit the following amendment and remarks. This reply is being filed along with the Declaration under 37 C.F.R. §1.132 of Nathalie Simard, and Applicants' Request for Continued Examination.

A Petition for Three-month Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(3) also is submitted herewith, to extend the time for reply through August 7, 2007. No additional fees are believe to be due. Nonetheless, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 09-0528.

Amendment of the Claims is reflected in the complete listing of the claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks regarding this submission are reflected beginning on page 5 of this paper.

Conclusion is on page 9 of this paper.